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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY FOR POLICY COORDINATION, SE

SUBJECT: Daily Progress Report for Monday, 16 June 1952

1. BGFRIEND. [] reports that on 12 June five documents were received from King Zog and pouched to []. The letters stated that Irfan Bey Ohrida, one of Zog's representatives at the proposed meeting in Turkey with Yugoslav officials, had departed on 8 June for Turkey. Zog reported that Abas Kupi, a leader of the Legalitet Party, arrived in Egypt on 7 June and that he believes Kupi's propositions are in complete contradiction to the last conversation between Zog and []. Kupi is said to believe it imperative that no change be made in the Executive Committee of the NCEA except for the inclusion of Ndue Markagjoini and Koco Muca. The Executive Committee would then consist of Hasan Dosti, Zef Pali, Nuci Kotta, Said Karyeziu, Abas Kupi, Markagjoini and Muca. Zog is awaiting our reply before expressing an opinion to Kupi, who has promised to follow the American lead. The king stated that Colonel Selmani returned to Egypt on 10 June. Zog requested that Halil Brenitza, who was prevented by a health condition from entering Albania with his team, not be returned to the Apple Team and that the Team be advised to exercise caution. He also asked that Hamit Matjani and Gjelo Sakalari, guides for the team, remain in Albania until the next team report has been received. (IN 10776)

A cable from [] reports that the Legalitet Party has already published a booklet containing its political program. The British requested CIA's views last week on the desirability of the publication of such a statement, believing it not yet published. [], the BGFRIEND representative in Rome, proposes that we and the British issue a joint paper reprimanding the Legalitet and all other parties for present and past statements which promote disunity among the

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exiles. He recommends further that the reprimand point out to the members of NCFA that such action is contrary to the NCFA aims and policies and could bring about the ruin of the Committee. The Balli Kombetar published an article last December stating its position and the present Legalitet booklet is another manifestation of the rivalry existing between the two parties. (IN 11199)

2. BGCONVOY. No report.

3. QKEROLL. No report.

4. JBEDICT. Three new slots for the JBEDICT T/O have been approved. Two of the slots were specifically granted for personnel to serve in the new joint Documentation Center [] One man is already on duty at the Center after being trained in Washington by TSS and an additional man is currently undergoing training here.

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